

# Preserving Local History

S.R. 15, K407 to K447 Realignment Project  
Milford, Delaware  
Delaware Department of Transportation (DeIDOT)



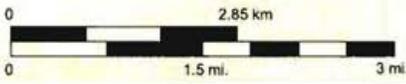
Did you know that the first inhabitants of the Milford area, were the Native Americans, and that they were here prior to 12,000 years ago?

Did you know that the first Euro-American settlement in the Milford area was by a group of Swedes, Finns, and Laponians, who landed on Paradise Point (Clark's Point) in 1638?

Did you know that the town of Milford was located on a 750 acre tract of land originally called "Saw Mill Range," and was incorporated in 1807?

**PROJECT LOCATION**

The project involves the minor relocation of a portion of S.R. 15 (Canterbury Road) located between its intersection with Airport Road (407) and Holly Hill Road (447). The realignment will improve the safety of the intersection by correcting the skewed angle of the S.R. 15/S.R. 14 intersection which currently causes delays in traffic flow and is difficult for large trucks to maneuver. As part of its continuing efforts to provide a safe, efficient, and environmentally sensitive transportation network, DeIDOT will sponsor Historic Preservation studies of the S.R. 15 project area. These studies will include archaeological and historic architectural research in an effort to help preserve objects and places of historical significance important to the people of Delaware.



Portions of the project area will be examined for archaeological resources. The resources that are expected might include prehistoric Indian artifacts as well as artifacts from historic farmsteads which were located nearby. The historic architectural studies will identify and record standing structures in the project area that are 50 years of age or older. Descriptions of the buildings' architectural features will be written and the buildings will be photographed.



Did you know that through the study of ancient pollens, we know that the climate of Delaware was much wetter and colder in times past than it is presently, and that the flora and fauna native to the area have changed through time in concert with the climate change?

Did you know that a nationally famous general, Alfred T.A. Tolbert, who served as General Consul to San Salvador, Havana, and Paris in the late 1800s, once lived in your neighborhood?

Did you know that the white-oak trees that historically grew in the Milford area were renowned in the ship building industry, and that the reputation of Delaware-built schooners and sloops was international?



As we continue to provide better and more efficient transportation options for the residents of Delaware, we hope to continue to share our learning experiences about Delaware's past. **If you, or someone you know, has information, remembrances, photographs, or artifacts which relate to the history of the S.R. 15 project area, please share it with us. Your assistance can help promote and protect your local history.**

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 Delaware State Museums [www.destatemuseums.org](http://www.destatemuseums.org)  
 Delaware Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs [www.state.de.us/sos/histcult.htm](http://www.state.de.us/sos/histcult.htm)  
 Delaware State Historic Preservation Office [www.state.de.us/shpo/index.htm](http://www.state.de.us/shpo/index.htm)  
 Delaware Archaeology Month (May 2003) [www.delawarearchaeology.org](http://www.delawarearchaeology.org)